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Setting up of Airport in Gujarat
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government has announced or proposes to set up a new international airport in Gujarat;

(b): if so, the details thereof along with its proposed location; and

(c): the steps taken to set up the said airport and start flights from there?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION

(Shri Jayant Sinha)

(a) to (c): Yes Madam. Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation has granted "in principle" approval to Dholera International Airport Company Ltd. (DIACL) for setting up of Dholera Greenfield airport at the site near Navagam Village, Ahmedabad District, Gujarat in January,2016 and "site clearance" approval to Government of Gujarat for setting up of Rajkot International Greenfield Airport at Hirasar, District Rajkot, Gujarat in May, 2017. As per Greenfield Airport Policy, Government of India, Ministry of Civil Aviation grants two stage clearances i.e. "site clearance" followed by "in principle" approval.The timeline for construction of airport projects depends upon many factors such as land acquisition, availability of mandatory clearances, financial closure, etc. by the individual operator. As far as commencement of flight operations on any route, the same depends upon the commercial judgement and economic viability of the airlines and Government does not interfere in their operation plans.